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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE FROM SEYCHELLES OF TWO USAF TRACKING STATION
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

REF: VICTORIA 394 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY SUBMITS BELOW TEXT OF JUNE 14 DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM
SEYCHELLES MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TOURISM IN
RESPONSE TO OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE (STATE 122576) REQUESTING GOS
FURNISH DETAILED INFORMATION SUPPORTING REQUEST THAT TWO
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF USAF SATELLITE TRACKING STATION BE
TRANSFERRED FOR ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES:

BEGIN TEXT: "THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TOURISM
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE AIDE-MEMOIRE
OF 18 MAY 1978, WHICH WAS LEFT WITH THE MINISTRY ON THE SAME
DATE AND WHICH CONCERNED THE EXPULSION FROM SEYCHELLES OF
MR. GARY DAWSON AND MR. HANK GENRETTE, BOTH CITIZENS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE EMBASSY WILL BE AWARE OF THE REPLY PRESIDENT F.A. RENE
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GAVE TO A QUESTION ON THIS SUBJECT AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON
15 MAY 1978. THE DECISION OF THE SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT TO
TAKE ACTION IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL SECURITY SHOULD NOT
BE VIEWED AS AN ATTACK ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA OR THE USAF TRACKING STATION ON MAHE: THE SEYCHELLES
GOVERNMENT REALISES THAT NEITHER WAS INVOLVED IN ANY WAY
IN THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN QUESTION. WHILST APPRECIATING

THE EMBASSY'S CONCERN OVER THE INVOLVEMENT OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN ACTIONS PREJUDICIAL TO SEYCHELLES' NATIONAL SECURITY, THE MINISTRY REGRETS THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT TO REVEAL THE PRECISE REASONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE TWO PERSONS CONCERNED. AT THE SAME TIME, THE EMBASSY'S PROMPT AND COOPERATIVE RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR THEIR EARLY DEPARTURE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED."
END TEXT.

2. PRESIDENT RENE'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON THIS MATTER
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